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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON DENKTASH STATEMENT OF MAY 22

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- 1. GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT MEDIA MAY 24 PROMINENTLY REPORTED DENKTASH MAY 23 STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL REACTION, PROBABLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT LOCAL PAPERS RECEIVED NEWS TOO LATE ON MAY 23.
- 2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS GAVE SKETCHY ACCOUNT OF DENKTASH STATEMENT LEAVING OUT THE FACT THAT TURK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE PREPARED TO ALLOW GREEK CYPRIOTS TO BEGIN TO RETURN TO VAROSHA DURING NEGOTIATIONS. MUCH MORE EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S INSTRUCTION TO AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU TO MAKE A PROTEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE "UNPRECEDENTED ACT" OF ISSUING THE DENKTASH STATEMENT TO U.S. MEDIA AS PART OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESENTATION. DEPARTMENT WAS ACTING UNCLASSIFIED

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AS "AGENT" OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

3. LARGEST CIRCULATION TURKISH CYPRIOT HALKIN SESI EMPHASIZED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT FOUND DENKTASH'S STATE-MENT "POSITIVE." OTHER TWO TURKISH CYPRIOT PAPERS REPORTED SUBSTANCE OF DENKTASH STATEMENT ONLY. STONE

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